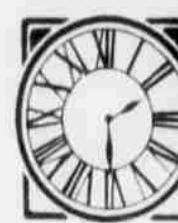


Hope of private gain from participation in vast naval construction program takes an early slump

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FIRE INSPECTOR TO VISIT HOMES

Chief Orders Canvass of Resi-
dence District — Will
Start Monday

NEED OF CO-OPERATION

Wiring, Stoves and Flues Will
Come in for the Clos-
est Scrutiny

A SYSTEM of fire inspection that will cover every residence in Oklahoma City will be begun Monday, it was announced by Fire Chief Ross Brooks Wednesday. Uniformed firemen will be assigned to different districts of the city from each station. The inspection will consist of a careful examination of the condition of stoves, electric fuse boxes, vent pipes, flues, and other places where defects might be lurking.

"We are making this complete inspection both to lessen the fire-wise in Oklahoma City as much as we can and at the same time help to increase the possibilities of lower insurance rates," stated Chief Brooks. "In addition to the existing system and heating arrangement of houses, the inspecting firemen will check in the condition of tenant and out houses, and will inspect all basements and similar places where rubbish is likely to be thrown. The firemen inspectors will use courtesy in entering homes, and the co-operation of every property owner in the city is necessary to make the inspections a success."

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MOONSHINERS PLEAD GUILTY

Seven Men Indicted for Illicit
Liquor Operations Spring
Surprise at Trial

FORT SMITH, Ark., Oct. 20.—Seven men on trial charged with conspiracy to defraud the government in the manufacture of whisky, pleaded guilty in the United States district court here Wednesday. Sentence will be passed Thursday. The case against Fred Bowles of Fort Smith, the eighth defendant, was nolle prossed. The cases against the defendants went to trial Tuesday and their action Wednesday was a surprise.

Those who entered the plea of guilty today were:

John L. Casper of Kansas City, alleged head of the conspiracy.

George Hartman and Charles Brewsaker, Kansas City, alleged employees of Casper.

J. Henry Brown, Harrison, Ark., for many a government guinea.

John Farabee, Kansas City, said to have worked for Casper.

S. L. Williams, Winston-Salem, N. C., former revenue agent who resigned from the government service to enter business with Casper.

John Coffey, Fort Smith.

The indictment under which the men were placed on trial yesterday contained thirty-three counts. It charged the defendants with carrying on a business of distilling from March 1914 to April, 1915, at Fort Smith, with intent to defraud the United States government of the tax imposed on distilled spirits.

The first thirty counts related to various alleged violations of the law setting forth the dates the illicit liquor was distilled, failure to register vats and other distilling equipment and removal of the illegal product to places that were not bonded warehouses. All the defendants whose pleas were entered today admitted guilt to these counts.

The three last counts in the indictment charged the defendants had in their possession cancelled internal revenue stamps. Casper alone pleaded guilty to these counts.

The remainder of the twenty or more defendants alleged to have been involved in the conspiracy through which the government is said to have been involved in the conspiracy through which the government is said to have lost thousands of dollars in revenue, and who are under indictment will be placed on trial in January it was announced. They include Knox Booth of Nashville, Tenn., former superintendent of the Tennessee revenue division of the government service.

SEEING OIL FIELD

ARDMORE, Oct. 20.—E. P. Ripley, president; W. E. Hodges, vice president, and other officers of the Santa Fe line visited the Healdton oil field Wednesday. The party dined at the country club.

WANT BUILDING

MUSKOGEE, Oct. 20.—W. W. Hastings, congressman from the second district, will attend a banquet in Muskogee on the night of October 26, at which time the people of Muskogee will discuss with him the needs of a federal building in that city.

THE WEATHER

Fair weather tonight and Thursday's weather Thursday.

Light to moderate showers occurring during the past two hours in the Missouri River and Arkansas. The weather is generally cloudy this morning over the eastern districts while it is generally clear over the central and western portions.

Snowy-like temperatures obtain in most sections of the country. The lowest temperatures reported this morning was 32 degrees at Moorhead, Minnesota.

Local Data

Highest temperature yesterday . . . 57

Lowest temperature last night . . . 34

Highest temperature date last year . . . 58

Highest temperature this date . . . 58

Lowest temperature this date in last 25 years . . . 32

Comparative Precipitation

Precipitation for past 24 hours . . . 0.0

January 1 to this date 1914 . . . 17.00

January 1 to this date 1913 . . . 15.00

January 1 to this date 1912 . . . 21.88

January 1 to this date 1911 . . . 28.83

January 1 to this date 1910 . . . 30.00

January 1 to this date 1909 . . . 22.25

Normal to this date . . . 28.83

Washington Forecast

Oklahoma Tonight fair; Thursday fair; warmer. Louisiana, Texas, tonight and Thursday; Arkansas, Tonight fair; Friday and Saturday; warmer. Thursday and in northwest portion of state.

CARRANZA IS CHIEF INDEED

**Goal For Which Mexican Fac-
tions Have Striven Three
Years Attained at Last**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Mexican revolutionary elements friendly to General Carranza were today celebrating his recognition by the United States and other Latin-American republics as the chief executive of the de facto government in Mexico. It was the goal for which the various factions had striven for almost three years. The first chief's friends here regard the action as a triumph of Pan-American policy. They claim that his recognition means the restoration of peace and normal conditions within the southern republic in a short time.

Eliseo Arredondo, personal representative of General Carranza was preparing today to leave for Sanlúcar, Mexico, where he will personally convey to General Carranza letters of recognition from the governments of the United States and the South and Central American republics. He expects to depart within the next 48 hours.

Congratulations were being received by Mr. Arredondo at the Mexican embassy over the extension of recognition. A number of diplomats called in person while many congratulatory telegrams were received.

Mr. Arredondo was the proud possessor today of a letter from Secretary of State Lansing formally notifying him of Carranza's recognition and expressing an intention to accredited an ambassador to Mexico soon. It virtually had been decided today to name Henry P. Fletcher, now ambassador to Chile, for the new diplomatic post.

Renewed assurances are given of a statement today by Mr. Arredondo that foreigners in Mexico will be given protection and that foreign capital will be welcomed. He expresses the belief that recognition will have the effect of giving Mexicans confidence in the new government and bringing about normal conditions.

FIVE TO THE PEN

**District Court of Choctaw County
Sends Batch of Criminals to State
School of Degenerates**

HUGO, Oct. 20.—Sheriff Lee Lofton has returned from McAlester, where he took five convicted men to serve time in the state penitentiary for criminal offenses.

Ben Wilks was sentenced by the district court to serve ten years for robbing the Bank of Grant. He pleaded guilty and admitted that Otto Madding was a partner to the crime.

Madding's trial probably will take place this week.

S. J. Confer got a year and a day for robbery. Tony Riley and George Woods, negroes, each got two years for hog stealing.

RANKIN ON TRIAL

HUGO, Oct. 20.—Charles Rankin, charged with the killing of Tom Voucher here, March 15, is being tried by a jury in the district court. Rankin returned to his home on the date mentioned, according to the story of the defendant, and was informed by Mrs. Rankin that Tom Voucher had insulted her. Securing a gun he went to a neighbor's house, found Voucher there and shot him. Voucher lingered several months before dying. Physicians testify that Rankin was insane when he committed the act.

SPICER TALKS

**Delivers Address Before Christian
Missionary Convention Now in Ses-
sion at Alva, Third District**

ALVA, Oct. 20.—A. R. Spicer of Oklahoma City was one of the principal speakers yesterday at the annual convention of the Third District, Oklahoma Christian Missionary convention, discussing the condition and needs of the Third district. E. V. McCormick of Alva is presiding over the proceedings. About 200 visitors are here attending the conference, which will end this evening.

PRO-GERMANS COMMAND WILSON

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 20.—The German American Federation of Arkansas, at its closing session here Tuesday adopted resolutions commanding President Wilson for his policy of peace toward Germany, despite the claims of a persistent pro-British faction for war.

KEEPS TAFT BUSY DENYING

CINCINNATI, Oct. 20.—Charles P. Taft, owner of the majority of the stock of the Chicago National League baseball club, denied emphatically here Wednesday he report that the club had been sold.

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Comfortable? French Trench



PHOTO BY FRENCH TRENCH

SERVIAN CAUSE LOOKS BLACKER

In Last 24 Hours Whole As-
pect of Balkan Cam-
paign Alters

BULGARIANS SWARM IN

**Anglo-French Operations, If
Afoot, Are Not Reported
in the Day's Fighting**

BERLIN, Oct. 20.—Capture by the Bulgarians of 2,000 prisoners and 12 cannons in Serbia was announced today by the German war office.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Latest reports from the near east states that Serbia is in deadly danger of being overwhelmed by the armies of her neighbor. No less than eight Bulgarian corps have crossed their Serbian territory.

The Austro-German forces are advancing slowly, but steadily, their latest claim being that a battle has been effected to the west of Smederevo. The railroad between Niš and Salonički has been cut by the Bulgarians, sweeping over the frontier in superior numbers. No news has been received of the movements of the Anglo-French army, although it is known to have been in action as the arrival of French wounded at Salonički has been reported.

Await Italy's Co-Operation

Italy's declaration of war against Bulgaria increases the hopes of her allies that she will join in the Balkan campaign, but what form her assistance will take has not been indicated definitely.

Russia, the first of the allied powers to present an ultimatum to Bulgaria, now finds herself alone in not having issued a formal declaration of war against her former protege.

On Eastern Front

Along the eastern front activity is confined to the two tips of the long battle line. The Germans are pressing their offensive in the northern area, near Riga, while General Ivanoff claims several successes for his Russian army in Galicia.

On Western Front

Reports from the entente allies on the western front indicate that the Germans have been reinforced heavily and are showing a disposition to assume the offensive. Field Marshal French announces the complete re-pulse north of Loos of Germans who made an attack after heavy artillery preparation. Paris reports that east of Rheims, the Germans made a fierce attack on a large scale occupying several French trenches.

Diplomatic Quotidie

The illness of Premier Asquith has brought a lull in political activity and the crisis which many persons expected would develop in the cabinet this week is hardly likely to occur, until the premier is able to appear in the house of commons. At that time Sir Edward Carson may give a public explanation of his resignation of the attorney-generalship.

Subsidiary Operations

British subordinates, now reported to have been reinforced by Russian craft, continue to inflict severe losses on Germany's shipping in the Baltic sea. A Copenhagen newspaper asserts that eight steamships have been prey of the submarines since Monday.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 20.—The Russian government is preparing for the early issue of an internal loan of 1,000,000 rubles (\$80,000,000). The interest rate will be 5% per cent.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—It is reported from Frankfort that the central powers have decided to undertake still another campaign, this time against Montenegro. According to this report forwarded from Amsterdam, 20,000 Austrian and German infantrymen with artillery, have arrived from Galibela at Sarajevo, Bosnia.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—President Wilson today declared an embargo on the shipment of arms and ammunition to Mexico.

He signed a supplementary order, however, which exonerated General Carranza's government from the embargo and permits munitions to go through to him unhampered. The prohibition applies to the factions opposed to the government which the United States has recognized.

**CANNOT CATCH
L. DE LA ROSA**

**Brains of Mexican Bandit
Band That Wrecked Train
Defies Capture**

OIL MAN SUICIDES

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Oct. 20.—Police summoned to a rooming house Tuesday afternoon broke in the door and found the body of a man who, according to papers found in the room, was George Robinson, 45, of Independence, Kans. Checks made out to various persons for oil and leases and letters from operators in Clarendon, Canada, and Kansas indicated he had been manager of large oil interests. An empty poison bottle was found near his bed.

ROUND-UP OF SPIES

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HELD IN INDIANA

Governor R. L. Williams issued Thursday a requisition on the governor of Indiana for M. Bogartine, now held by the police in Indianapolis, and want him at Tulsa on the charge of embezzling \$80 belonging to the L. B. Price Mercantile company.

**Forgot to Rescue
Dolly-Child Braves
Fire-Father Dead**

**DANIELS WARNS
AGAINST GRAFT**

**Sec. of Navy Forestalls Exces-
sive Profits by Private
Manufacturers**

CITES POWDER INSTANCE

**U. S. Can Even Make Her
Own Armor Plate at a
Vast Saving**

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 20.—What

**the navy experts do to toward
protecting private manufacturers
from reaping excessive profits on the
expenditure of hundreds of millions
involved in the administration's national
defense program was outlined here
Wednesday by Secretary Daniels,
in a speech at the North Carolina
state fair. Mr. Daniels said his annual
report to congress would recommend
legislation to enable the government
to equip itself to build more naval
craft and greatly extend its manufacture
of munitions.**

U. S. Well Equipped

**"The government has invested many
millions of dollars in many yards," said
the secretary, "and unless this investment
is utilized for new**